

AN ADDITION TO THE BIRDS OF OHIO.

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Writing under date of May 25th, Mr. William P. Holt, of the Toledo High School, announces the capture near there of a Cory's Bittern (*Ardetta neo-xena*), a long sought and much anticipated bird. The bird was captured in the Casino marsh on May 25th. Mr. Holt states that the specimen is in fine condition, and that he had seen either this bird or others in the same situation three times during the week. It seems entirely within reason that this bird was not a solitary one, but that at this time, when the Least Bitterns were so uncommonly numerous in these marshes, as well as in the marshes all along the southern shore of the lake, that there might have been something like a flight of them. However that may be, no other records are forthcoming. This species should be added to the list of Ohio birds in its proper place in the regularly occurring species because its range clearly covers the state, this record proving it.

A SCARCITY OF BIRDS IN THE NORTHERN
STATES.

Reports come in from many parts of the country north of the southern border of Ohio to the effect that birds are remarkably scarce for the season. The suggestion has been made that this scarcity is likely due to the unfavorable breeding season of last May and June, when the weather was cold and very wet, so that the usual number of young were not reared. This might easily be true if there was also an unusual mortality among the old birds, or if conditions of weather or food supply were such, during the summer and autumn months, that an increased mortality occurred. Before any final decision can be relied upon we should know what are the conditions the whole country over, for if there be any unusual